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Title: Compositions and Methods for Use Against Acne-Induced Inflammation and Dermal Matrix-Degrading Enzymes			
Examiner: V. Kim			Art Unit: 1614

Asst. Comm'r for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS
and Petition for Extension of Time**

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed 10 May 2001, the period for response being extended to 10 September 2001 by the Petition at the end of this paper, please amend the subject application as follows, the amendments being shown in marked-up form in the Appendix attached to this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended.) A composition for alleviating acne scarring, comprising a compatible combination of: ¹ a non-retinoid, ² non-antioxidant inhibitor of a dermal matrix-degrading enzyme, said inhibitor selected from the group consisting of AP-1 inhibitors, NF-κB inhibitors, elastase inhibitors, adhesion antagonists, and mixtures thereof; and an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of comedolytics, anti-inflammatories, retinoids, glucocorticoids, and compatible mixtures thereof.

9. (Amended.) The composition of claim 1, wherein the inhibitor further comprises an antioxidant.

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